

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Supplemental Amendment filed on 02/04/2008.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 63,64,68,78,82,93,97-102,105-112,114 and 115.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 2/26/08
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. This action is responsive to the following communication: the supplemental amendment filed on 02/04/08.
2. Claims 63, 64, 68, 78, 82, 93, 97-102, 105-112, 114, 115 are pending in the case. Claims 63 and 82 are independent claims.

3. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Marc Berger (Reg. 44029) on 02/07/2008 at 9:50 AM.

The application has been amended as follows:

63. (currently amended) ~~A calendar-based asset organizer, implemented by instructions of a computer program stored on a computer-readable storage medium~~ A computer readable storage medium having computer-executable instructions stored thereon which when executed implement a calendar-based asset organizer, the medium comprising:

instructions for a digital asset manager, for receiving a search query for digital assets, and for returning a result set of identifiers for a plurality of digital assets that satisfy the query, wherein each asset in the result set has a date&time associated therewith; and

instructions for a user interface, communicatively coupled with the digital asset manager, (i) for issuing the search query to the digital asset manager, (ii) for receiving the result set of the search query from the digital asset manager, (iii) for presenting a calendar view of the result set wherein years, months and days between the earliest and latest date× associated with assets in the result set are represented by cells, the cells being of uniform size and sorted by time, each cell having a display background comprising a representation of an asset in the result set whose associated date&time lies within the cell's date&time range, the calendar view comprising (a) a year view displaying one year per cell, and indicating the number of assets in the result set that have associated date× within each year, for each of the displayed years, (b) a month view displaying one month per cell, and indicating the number of assets in the result set that have associated date× within each month, for each of the displayed months, and (c) a day view displaying one day per cell, and indicating the number of assets in the result set that have associated date× within each day, for each of the displayed days, and (iv) for switching the calendar view between year view, month view and day view,

wherein (1) selecting a cell for a specific year within the year view serves to display representations of the assets in the result set that have associated date× within the specific year, (2) selecting a cell for a specific month within the month view serves to display representations of the assets in the result set that have associated date× within the specific month, (3) selecting a cell for a specific day within the day view serves to display representations of the assets in the result set that

have date× within the specific day, and (4) right-clicking on a cell within the year view serves to display a pop-up window displaying months within the year, and to display the number of assets in the result set that have associated date× within each month, for each of the displayed months.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 63, 64, 68, 78, 82, 93, 97-102, 105-112, 114, 115 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Independent claims 63 and 82, when considered as a whole, are allowable over the prior art of record. Specifically, prior art of record fail to clearly teach or fairly suggest the limitations "each cell having a display background comprising a representation of an asset in the result set whose associated date&time lies within the cell's date&time range and right-clicking on a cell within the year view serves to display a pop-up window displaying months within the year, and to display the number of assets in the result set that have associated date&time within each month, for each of the displayed months" The dependent claims further add limitations to the allowable subject matter of the corresponding independent claims; thus are also allowable.

Inquiry

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to TuyetLien (Lien) T. Tran whose telephone number is 571-270-1033. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Friday: 7:30 - 5:00, off on alternating Friday.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Weilun Lo can be reached on 571-272-4847. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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